IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

In re:)	Chapter 11
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ORIUS CORP., et al.)	Case No. 05-B-63876
)	(Jointly Administered)
	Debtors.)	
)	Honorable Judge Bruce W. Black
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)	Hearing Date: December 23, 2009
)	Hearing Time: 9:30 a.m.

NOTICE OF MOTION

TO: See Attached Service List

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, we shall appear before the Honorable Bruce W. Black, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in the room usually occupied by him as a Courtroom in the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse, 219 South Dearborn Street, Courtroom 615, Chicago, Illinois, or in his absence, before such other Judge who may be sitting in his place and stead and hearing bankruptcy motions, and shall then and there present the accompanying Motion For Order (I) Entering Final Decree And Closing Chapter 11 Case; (II) Authorizing Abandonment Of Books, Records And Files; and (III) Granting Certain Related Relief, a copy of which is attached hereto and is hereby served upon you, and shall pray for the entry of an order in conformity with the prayer of said pleadings.

Dated: November 30, 2009

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	Debtors.)	•
)	Honorable Judge Bruce W. Black
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)	Hearing Date: December 23, 2009
	, 	Hearing Time: 9:30 a.m.

MOTION FOR ORDER (I) ENTERING FINAL DECREE AND CLOSING CHAPTER 11 CASE; (II) AUTHORIZING ABANDONMENT OF BOOKS, RECORDS AND FILES; AND (III) GRANTING CERTAIN RELATED RELIEF

The Orius Liquidation Trust, by and through Lori Lapin Jones, not individually but solely in her capacity as Liquidation Trustee (the "Trustee") of the Orius Liquidation Trust (the "Trust"), hereby submits this motion (the "Motion") under §§ 350 and 554 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq., (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rules 3022 and 6007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and Rule 3022-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (the "Local Rules") seeking an order (i) entering a final decree in and closing the chapter 11 case of Orius Corp. (the "Remaining Debtor"); (ii) authorizing the abandonment of books, records and files; and (iii) granting certain related relief, as described further herein. In support of this Motion, the Trust respectfully states as follows:

BACKGROUND

- 1. On December 12, 2005 (the "Petition Date"), each of the Debtors¹ filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division (the "Court"), commencing the above-captioned chapter 11 cases.
 - 2. On November 16, 2006, this Court approved the Debtors' Plan.²
 - 3. The Effective Date of the Plan was December 21, 2006.
- 4. As of the Effective Date, all of the remaining Property of the Estates was transferred to and vested in the Trust. Effective as of February 1, 2007, Lori Lapin Jones became the Trustee of the Trust.
- 5. Final decrees have been entered with respect to each Debtor's case except the case of the Remaining Debtor, Orius Corp. (Case No. 05-63876).
- 6. The Court has jurisdiction over this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157 and 1334 and pursuant to Article XI of the Plan. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).
- 7. The statutory predicates for the relief requested in this Motion are §§ 350 and 554 of the Bankruptcy Code, Rules 3022 and 6007 of the Bankruptcy Rules and Rule 3022-1 of the Local Rules.

¹ The Debtors are the following entities: Orius Corp., NATG Holdings, LLC, Orius Telecom Services, Inc., Orius Telecommunication Services, Inc., Orius Central Office Services, Inc., Texor, Inc., CATV Subscriber Services, Inc., Hattech, Inc., Channel Communications, Inc., LISN, Inc., Copenhagen Utilities & Construction, Inc., LISN Company and U.S. Cable, Inc.

² Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Motion shall have the definitions ascribed to them in the Debtors' Second Amended Joint Plan of Liquidation.

RELIEF REQUESTED

8. By this Motion, the Trust requests that this Court enter a final decree and order closing the Remaining Debtor's case, which has been fully administered. In addition, the Trustee seeks an order authorizing the abandonment of books, records and files and granting certain related relief, described below.

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY

A. Entry of Final Decree and Case Closing

- 9. The Remaining Debtor represents the sole Debtor whose case currently remains open; the chapter 11 cases for each of the other Debtors previously have been closed. The Remaining Debtor's estate is now fully administered. Accordingly, it is appropriate to close the Remaining Debtor's case at this time.
- 10. Section 350(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that after an estate is fully administered "the court shall close the case." Bankruptcy Rule 3022 further provides that "[a]fter an estate is fully administered in a chapter 11 reorganization case, the court, on its own motion or on motion of a party in interest, shall enter a final decree closing the case."
- 11. The concept of "fully administered" means "the point when the estate reaches substantial consummation as defined by Section 1101(2) of the bankruptcy code." *In re Wade*, 991 F.2d 402, 407, n. 2 (7th Cir. 1992). Section 1101(2) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that:
 - (2) "substantial consummation" means:
 - (A) transfer of all or substantially all of the property proposed by the plan to be transferred;

- (B) assumption by the debtor or by the successor to the debtor under the plan of the business or of the management of all or substantially all of the property dealt with by the plan; and
- (C) commencement of distribution under the plan.
- 12. In addition, courts have directed that the following events should be considered when determining if an estate has been fully administered: 1) when the order confirming the plan has become final, 2) when deposits have been distributed, 3) when payments under the plan have been commenced and 4) when all motions, contested matters, and adversary proceedings have been resolved. *See In re Xpedior Inc.*, 354 B.R. 210, 219 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 2006).
- 13. The Trustee has made distributions on account of Chapter 11 administrative claims. There are no unresolved motions or contested matters involving the Remaining Debtor. Prior to the hearing on this Motion, all preference adversary proceedings relating to the Remaining Debtor will be closed.
- 14. The Trust has concluded that there are insufficient Trust assets available to make a distribution on account of General Unsecured Claims. Therefore, the distribution to holders of General Unsecured Claims shall be \$0.
- 15. All fees owed to the Office of the United States Trustee have been timely paid to date. Prior to the hearing on this Motion, the Trust intends to make the required quarterly fee payment for fourth quarter 2009 to the Office of the United States Trustee.
- 16. For the reasons described above, the Trust submits that the Remaining Debtor's estate has been fully administered, and, accordingly, it is entitled to the entry of a final decree closing the Remaining Debtor's chapter 11 case.

B. Abandonment of Books and Records

- 17. Section 554 of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in part, that "[a]fter notice and a hearing, the trustee may abandon any property of the estate that is burdensome to the estate or that is of inconsequential value and benefit to the estate."
- 18. Article IX of the Trust Agreement provides, in part, that "[u]pon making the final distribution to the appropriate Beneficiaries, the Trustee may immediately abandon or destroy any then remaining books, records and files relating to the Liquidation Trust."
- 19. Although the Trust Agreement appears to provide authority for the immediate abandonment of any "remaining books, records and files relating to the Liquidating Trust," the Trust, in the exercise of caution, respectfully requests authority to abandon all books and records pursuant to § 554 of the Bankruptcy Code. There are thousands of books and records in storage which are no longer required. The Trust will coordinate the destruction of these books and records.

C. Request for Limited Notice

20. Rule 3022-1 of the Local Rules provides, in part:

Unless the court orders otherwise, debtors or other parties in interest moving after chapter 11 plan confirmation either to close the case or enter a final decree shall (1) give notice of such motion to the United States Trustee, any chapter 11 trustee, and all creditors, and (2) state within the notice or motion the actual status of all payments due to each class under the confirmed plan.

21. Rules 6007 of the Bankruptcy Rules provides, in part, that "[u]nless otherwise directed by the court, the trustee or debtor in possession shall give notice of a proposed abandonment or disposition of property to the United States trustee, all creditors, indenture trustees, and committees . . ."

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22. Notice of this Motion has been given to: (a) the United States Trustee; (b) counsel

to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as agent for the Prepetition Lenders; (c) former

counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors; (d) all parties who have requested

notices in the Debtors' cases; and (e) select government entities. In light of the nature of the

relief requested, the Trust respectfully requests that the Court deem the service of the Motion as

described herein to be adequate and find that no further notice is required.

WHEREFORE, the Trust respectfully requests that the Court (a) enter a Final Decree

and Order Closing Case and Authorizing the Abandonment of Books and Records for the

Remaining Debtor, in substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A, closing the Remaining

Debtor's case, authorizing the abandonment of books, records and files of the Trust, and limiting

notice, as provided herein, and (b) grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem

proper.

Dated: November 30, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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